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March 7th, 1854.

DR. ELWYN in the Chair.

Letters were read :

From the American Philosophical Society, dated Feb. 17th, 1854; from the Lyceum of Natural History of New York, dated Feb. 21, 1854, and from the Royal Academy of Sciences of Stockholm, dated Nov. 2, 1854, severally acknowledging the receipt of the Publications of the Academy.

From the Royal Academy of Sciences of Stockholm, dated Nov. 2, 1853, transmitting the volumes acknowledged this evening.

The Corresponding Secretary read a printed circular from the Portland (Maine) Natural History Society, dated Jan., 1854, giving an account of the destruction by fire of their entire Cabinet and Library, and soliciting donations in aid of a renewal of the same.

Referred to the Curators and Library Committee, with power to act.

A paper, intended for publication in the Proceedings, was read, entitled "Descriptions of new species of Fishes collected in Texas, New Mexico and Sonora, by Mr. John H. Clark, on the U. S. and Mexican Boundary Survey, and in Texas by Capt. Stewart Van Vliet, U. S. A., Part 2; by S. F. Baird and C. Girard." Referred to Dr. Le Conte, Dr. Hallowell and Mr. Cassin.

Dr. Le Conte presented a paper for publication in the Proceedings, entitled "Note on the genus *Amblychila*, Say; which was referred to Dr. Zantzing, Mr. Ashmead and Dr. Leidy.

Mr. Conrad presented the following papers, viz., "Rectification of the generic names of Tertiary Fossil shells," and "Notes on Shells, with descriptions of three recent and one fossil species," both of which, being intended for publication, were referred to Dr. Leidy, Mr. Hanson and Dr. Le Conte.

Mr. Cassin announced the decease of Mr. John Speakman, one of the few remaining founders of the Academy.

March 14th.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

A letter was read from George Dock, M. D., dated Harrisburg, Penna., March 4th, 1854, acknowledging the receipt of his notice of election as a member.

Also a letter from G. H. Kuntz, of Leipzig, dated Feb. 11, 1854, in reference to a collection of Birds' Eggs for sale in that city, with a catalogue of prices. Referred to the Curators.

March 28th.

Vice-President BRIDGES in the Chair.

The Committees, to which were referred papers read March 7th, by Prof. Baird and Charles Girard, by Dr. Le Conte, and by Mr. Conrad, severally reported in favor of their publication in the Proceedings.